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POSSIBLE SANCTIONS LIFTED AGAINST MENTAL HEALTH COMPLEX

Milwaukee County continues to participate in Medicare program

Milwaukee, WI – County Executive Scott Walker and Board Chairman Lee Holloway are announcing that the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division's Mental Health Complex will continue to meet the requirements for participation in the Medicare program (Title XVII of the Social Security Act).

Milwaukee County received a communication from the Federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) this morning detailing the decision. The CMS letter officially rescinds the planned termination of Milwaukee County's participation in the Medicare program, which was to be effective April 21, 2010. Subsequent visits to the facility performed by the State of Wisconsin found that deficiencies have been corrected.

"The BHD administration diligently worked to address all of the concerns presented by CMS," said Walker. "We are pleased with the follow-up and successful conclusion to this important matter."

"This is good news for our clients and their families," Chairman Holloway said. "The Medicare certification was necessary for Milwaukee County to continue providing this safety net service for individuals in our community that have nowhere else to turn."

Additional staff training and refined documentation processes as proposed by BHD likely contributed to CMS' decision to lift the possible sanctions.

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